Sanctioning of New Moon days as holidays for schools.

45. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the New Moon days were sanctioned as holidays for schools in the State?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: There are no records to show when the New Moon days were declared as holidays for schools in the State.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member how long it is since those New Moon holidays were sanctioned?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The oldest teachers in the schools say that they have had the holidays from the time they could remember.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Am I to take it that the New Moon holidays were being given during the last fifty years?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Probably.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Even after the abolition of the New Moon holidays, are the schools utilising them as holidays and working on other days?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Yes. When numerous teachers take casual leave the schools cannot work. So these days are given as holidays in those schools.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is it not a fact that a number of New Moon days fall on recognised holidays?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: That depends upon the particular year.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether Government have any objection to restore the New Moon holidays if the requisite number of working days can be made otherwise?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Government have no objection to explore the matter.

Minimum number of working days required in schools.

46. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the minimum number of working days required in departmental Vernacular and English Schools; and

(*b*) the minimum number of working days required in aided Vernacular and English Schools.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan:

(*a*) and (*b*)	Vernacular Schools	...	170 days.
	English Schools	...	175 days.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is it not a fact that the schools in Trivandrum enjoy a greater number of local holidays than other schools in the State?

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Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I do not think so, Sir. In particular years they may enjoy more local holidays. Mofussil schools also have a number of local holidays.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is it not a fact that in the year 1109 the number of working days was 192 and above?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: On a point of order, Sir. The member is supplying information.

President: You may thank him for it.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Since it was said that the number of working days required under the rules is only 170, is it not advisable to restore the New Moon days as holidays?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, does this question arise? The question of New Moon holidays was the previous one.

Dr. G. D. Nokes' report on the charges against Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar, Assistant Conservator of Forests.

47. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Dr. G. D. Nokes has submitted his report after the completion of the enquiry into the cases against Mr. S. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar, Assistant Conservator of Forests;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) what action they have taken on the report?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 6-3-1935.

(*c*) The report is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, why there is so much delay in passing orders on this report?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I do not think that there has been extraordinary delay. Government received the report only on the 6th March, *i. e.*, 2½ months ago.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the date on which Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar was reduced as a Ranger?

President: How does it arise out of Dr. Nokes' report? The only question here is on what date the report was received and what has become of it. We are not entering into details of the report.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: If the case goes in favour of Mr. Ramasubramonia Aiyar, Government will have to incur a great loss by paying him his salary during the period.

President: Ifs and buts are hypothetical questions.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar applied for copies of the report?

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